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NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES HAVE TENTATIVELY
PROPOSED THAT THE CONTEMPLATED MEETING ON AID TO THE SOUTH
PACIFIC BE HELD IN WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13,

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WITH HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS COMING FROM CANBERRA AND
WELLINGTON. DEPARTMENT IS EXPLORING WITH EMBASSIES ALTER-
NATIVE SUGGESTION, WHICH ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE FREE TO DIS-
CUSS FURTHER WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, THAT PRIOR MEETING
OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL WITH AUSTRALIAN AND NZ

AMBASSADORS IS DESIRABLE.

WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT HUMMEL MEETING BE HELD IN EARLY
SEPTEMBER AND THAT SCHEDULING OF SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH
REPS FROM CAPITALS BE DEFERRED FOR DECISION AT THAT TIME.
WE FIND THIS SCENARIO TO BE MORE ATTRACTIVE SINCE WE HAVE
CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH TO UNDERTAKE BEFORE WE WILL BE IN A
POSITION TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY AS TO WHAT MORE
WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AID
AREA. MEANWHILE WE ARE INTENSIVELY EXAMINING VARIOUS AID
POSSIBILITIES ON THE US SIDE. KISSINGER

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